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## Why Go to College?

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The ratio of male college graduates to the male adult population throughout the history of the United States has been one to seven hundred and fifty. But the ratio of college graduates to non-graduates throughout our history has been, among Congressmen, thirty-two to sixty-eight; among Senators, forty-six to sixty-four; among Presidents of the United States, sixty-five to thirty-five; among judges of the Supreme Court, seventy-three to twenty-seven. Dividing the ratio of college graduates to non-graduates in Congress, etc., by the ratio in the nation, we find that a college training increases a young man's possibilities of reaching the House of Representatives 352 times, of reaching the Senate 539 times, of reaching Presidency 1,392 times, of reaching the Supreme Court of the United States 2,027 times.

President Thwing's examination of the college record of the 15,142 persons whose names appear in Appleton's "Cyclopædia of American Biography" shows that a college education has multiplied the possibilities of young men for reaching eminence in the United States four hundred and three fold. But competition to-day is more strenuous than in the past, and there is a more urgent demand for well trained young people. More striking, therefore, is the discovery made by an examination of the college record of the 6,029 Americans whose names appear in "Who's Who in America" that a college education multiplied the possibilities of young men for reaching eminence in 1890 more than a thousandfold. Not more striking, but perhaps more surprising, is the fact, revealed by a similar study of educational advantages of millionaires in the United States, that the college graduates have four hundred and forty times as many possibilities of becoming rich as have their less educated brothers.

If you forget the detailed figures mentioned above, remember in general that a college education increases a young man's possibilities of reaching eminence and wealth and usefulness from three hundred and fifty to two thousand fold.

But the college appeals to loftier motives than wealth and earthly ambition. Every man is under obligations to his family, to his country, and to God to make the most of the talent committed to him, and then to make the best use of his developed powers. Character-building for one's self and service for the world are the

supreme ends of life, and the two are one. Christian education is the development of all one's faculties to their highest power and their devotion to the highest service. Get ready for the twentieth century—and for the ages which lie beyond.

Delaware, O.

## S. I. A. A.

### Annual Convention Meets at University of Mississippi.

(From The Hustler.)

The annual convention of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association was held at Oxford, Miss., Dec. 21st. Six colleges were represented, Cumberland University, S. J. Gilbreath; University of Nashville, W. R. Payne; Tulane University, John Lombard; A. and M. College of Mississippi, J. L. Sessums; University of Mississippi, A. D. Bondurant; Vanderbilt University, Robt. L. Lund. This was rather less than the usual representation at the convention.

Dr. Dudley, President of the Association, was absent on account of sickness, and John Lombard was chosen presiding officer. No very important matters came before the convention, that of greatest interest perhaps being the adoption of the Eastern football rules complete without the supplementary rules heretofore used by the S. I. A. A.

Tulane University invited the association to hold the annual track and field meet at New Orleans, and the invitation was accepted, as was also that of the University of North Carolina to hold the next convention at Chapel Hill.

The election of officers resulted as follows: For President, Dr. Wm. L. Dudley, Vanderbilt University; Vice President, Prof. W. M. Riggs, of Clemson College, South Carolina; for Secretary and Treasurer, Prof. A. L. Bondurant, University of Mississippi; members of Executive Committee, John Lombard, Tulane University, and Professor Patterson, University of Georgia.

It was the general opinion of the convention that the Association is more prosperous and stronger at the present time than ever before, and that college athletics in the South were never in better condition.

Stranger: "Boy, can you direct me to the bank?"

Boy: "I kin for sixpence."

Stranger: "Sixpence! Isn't that high pay?"

Boy: "Yes, sir; but it's bank directors what gets high pay, you see, sir?"—Tit-Bits.

During the year 1900, the public gifts and donations to colleges, universities and other educational institutions in the United States, amounted to \$35,000,000.

## Something on "Hazing."

For a long time, "hazing" has been a subject of much discussion among college men, but the recent investigation of the custom at West Point has brought the subject more conspicuously before the public than it has probably ever been before. So we thought it might be interesting to give the matter a little attention here.

"HAZING," A RELIC OF BARBARISM.

"Hazing" as an American college phrase referring to the practice of irritating, or harassing, or tyrannizing over students of a lower class, by individual members of an upper class, is not of a much earlier date than the second half of the nineteenth century, although the idea is, perhaps, a relic or survival of primitive barbarism, from prehistoric days. Prior to 1840 the term 'to haze' was common among sailors, but seems not to have been known on land, especially among educated youth. It appears to have first crept into the vocabulary of Harvard and Yale after its mention as a sea term by Richard H. Dana, Jr., in his 'Two Years Before the Mast.' From that time it made rapid progress among American colleges, including the Military Academy at West Point and the Naval Academy at Annapolis until now there are students who suppose that their ancestors deemed hazing a necessary accompaniment of polite education.

In order to have a clear idea of the pernicious features of college 'hazing' as a practice, it is important to bear in mind the wide difference between 'hazing' and the insisting on conformity to college customs which apply to all members of a college class as a class. Thus every student is during his first year in college, called a 'Freshman.' During that year he is not to claim privileges that are supposed to belong to members of a higher class. It may be the wearing of a high hat or the carrying of a cane is such a privilege. When he passes the line between the first and second year, it may be a recognized custom for the older class in some way to give 'salt' to those who are no longer 'fresh men.' If college laws permit this, there is nothing degrading in conformity to the custom. It is a custom which all of a certain class alike conform to.

"This is a very different matter from the claim by individual members of an upper class that they, as superior beings, are entitled to control the action of individual members of the lower class. Thus if a Sophomore or a number of Sophomores go to a Freshman or to a number of Freshmen, and annoy, or irritate, or harm one or more of the lower class, or even insist that

the Freshmen shall sing, or dance, or pray, or submit in any other way to authority of the upper classmen, it is the claim of an individual to have a right to tyrannize over another individual. Such a claim cannot be made without injury to the one who makes it. It cannot be conceded as a right without a positive loss of manhood on the part of the one on whom the demand is made. It cannot be recognized by the college authorities without continued harm to the institution and its faculty.

"Freshman servitude," somewhat in the nature of the English 'fagging' system, was tolerated in early American colleges to an extent that could hardly be believed by many Americans of the present day. It was an unworthy inheritance from the old world, where there are life-long social class distinctions, and where a man does not necessarily feel as an American does or ought to, that he has a right to be a man among men, and to call no fellow man his master.

In that servitude, as long prevalent, the individual upper class man lacked the true limits of his manhood, and the governing body of the college failed to perform or to distinguish its duties as an educating agency.

Most of this disgraceful servitude in our American colleges has been outgrown and is no longer tolerated, not only because our better students have first advanced beyond it, but because our college presidents and faculties have come to a higher stand, and have recognized their duty to protect the manhood of their students from destruction by brute force while under their control. 'Hazing' is the one relic of barbarism tolerated in some of our American colleges. This is not because the students are behind-hand, but because the faculties are not properly educated as educators.

Our two training schools of the United States Government, at Annapolis and West Point, have set an example to our civilian colleges in their determination to stamp out the individual tyranny that shows itself in 'hazing,' to the destruction of personal manhood. The recent action of Colonel Mills, Commandant at West Point, with his appeal to the honor of the cadets, coupled with his expression of high purpose in the direction of American manhood, sets an example to those colleges and universities which are yet on a lower plane. One thing is certain—no educational institution in America has anything to offer a student that will in any measure compensate for the loss of his individual manhood."

Long ago the faculty of our institution have arrayed themselves

against this custom by passing a regulation which made provision for the punishment of those who engaged in "hazing" the new students. Some of those who take the students into their family while they are in Auburn refuse to allow the new students under their care to be "hazed." And it is useless to say that the better class of students not only avoid having anything to do with the practice, but look upon the custom with scorn and contempt. Taking it as a whole, the practice is exceedingly unpopular among the whole student body. Those few who do engage in it here do it either thoughtlessly or with the idea of "going with the crowd" and being "popular," though the crowd be a small one. They are usually such men as can be easily swayed by opinion, and as they recognize the unpopularity of it they fall out.

Last fall, for instance, "the hazing squad" was composed of about twenty men out of two hundred old men, and the writer of this (part of this) article happened to strike up with the crowd. I stopped for a minute or two, during which time at least six of the twenty apologized, in a way, for being caught in the crowd, some of them saying that they never saw a more completely disgusting mode of procedure and series of performances in all their lives. Another noticeable thing is that the students who go with the crowd in the "hazing" trip are those students who entered college late—after the fall "hazing" had ended. He has heard of the things that were done, and goes out for curiosity, and as a general rule he is disgusted at once and feels called upon to explain his presence in the crowd should he strike up with a self-respecting student before he finds occasion to fall out of the squad.

The practice is fast dying out, and now there is probably less "hazing" at Auburn than at any other similar institution in the country.

## ANNUAL FIELD MEET.

Of S. I. A. A. to be Held at Tulane.

The Convention of the Southern Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association accepted the invitation of Tulane University to hold the Annual Field Meet in New Orleans next spring. The exact time for the meet is Saturday afternoon May, 18, 1901.

Auburn should be represented and well represented at this meet. The material is not wanting, and our men should get out and get to work at once. Auburn intends to break some records this year—on her own field—if not in New Orleans.



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### NEW YEAR AND NEW CENTURY RESOLUTIONS.

The resolutions made this New Year will probably be more far-reaching in a general way than usual because this New Year begins a New Century. No doubt many various and detailed resolutions have been made but if we will just carry into effect the simple but deep and logical advice of our noble President all will be well. Dr. Broun has often told us in his chapel talks that all the college rules and regulations could be summed up in the words, "Do your best and be a gentleman."

The late Charles Kingsley, a true English gentleman, divided the whole human race for all practical purposes into three parts: "(1) Honest men (gentlemen), who mean to do right and do it; (2) Knaves, who mean to do wrong and do it; (3) Fools, who mean to do whichever of the two is the pleasanter. This latter class may be sub-divided thus: Black fools, who would rather do wrong, but dare not unless with the crowd; white fools, who would prefer to do right, but lack courage unless it is the fashion." It might do us

good to look at our own selves with a fair eye and see under which head we fall. If we don't come under the head of honest men, let us resolve that we will be there from now on, making it a New Century resolution.

"A gentleman" has been defined as "a man who has pride without vanity, courage without bravado, and who is innately considerate of the feelings of others."

"Take then, no thought for aught save truth and right;

Content if such thy fate, to die obscure;

Youth fails, and honors; fame may not endure;

And loftier souls soon—  
light.

Keep innocence; be all a true man ought;

Let neither pleasure tempt nor pain appall;

Who hath this, he hath all things, having naught;

Who hath it not, hath nothing, having all."

The total receipts and expenditures of Auburn's foot-ball team last season was not more than \$1,000.00. The expenditures of the Columbia University team amounted to \$42,569.48, and the receipts were just \$43.00 more than that amount. Their team cost over forty-two dollars to our one, but there wouldn't be that much difference in the score, should the two teams play each other.

The Clemson College Chronicle in its last issue says that the Clemson "Athletic Association has secured Coach Heisman's services for another year. He will introduce general track athletics."

Auburn must turn out a champion base-ball nine this year. Get to work at once, boys. The new material should not be backward in coming out. Let every man who has ever played any base-ball try for the team.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller made a New Year's present to the University of Chicago, of \$1,500,000.00. This little amount will come in very well for repairs.

The members of the "Cradle Club" are advised to stay close in and keep their eyes open—you might be kidnapped.

It is said that the Carlisle Indians cleared \$10,000.00 on their foot-ball team last season.

It is a well known fact that the average pig-headed man is a bore.—Ex.

Lehigh has recently received \$300,000 to assist worthy students.

The Methodist church is in control of 225 institutions of learning, which represent an investment of \$30,000,000.

When you turn up your nose at the person in front of you, remember the individual behind you is probably doing the same thing.—Exchange.

### With the Exchanges.

We will say, in justification of the Exchange Editor, Mr. H. H. Conner, that this column is in a substitute's hands while our faithful exchanger is at his home at Luck-ge with his sick father. We sincerely hope that his father's health will justify his early return to Auburn and to college duties.

Leland Stanford University now has an endowment of \$30,000,000. Leland Stanford is now the richest university in the world.

A copy of the Georgia Tech has come to our table, and is a very creditable magazine. The Tech has an enrollment of about 450 students this year and had to turn off applicants for admission on account of lack of room. Their newly added textile department is already rivalling the old textile schools of New England in patronage and efficiency.

Clemson had to close about three weeks before Christmas on account of a case of scarlet fever in one of the dormitories. The lost time will be made up by delaying commencement next summer.

The trouble between the students and the authorities at the University of Alabama is no doubt largely a result of slack and careless military discipline. Students are always quick to see and to hate carelessness and unfairness in those placed over them, but they are not always so expressive, especially in such a way, as our fellow students at the University.

### Unfortunate Translations.

The translation of English hymns into foreign languages often causes ludicrous readings which are far from reverent, and fail to convey the true meaning.

A certain missionary in India relates that he got a Hindoo scholar to assist him in translating into the vernacular the beautiful old hymn:—

"Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee."  
Imagine his surprise and chagrin when he read the following loose lines:—

"Very old stone, split for my benefit.

Let me get under one of your fragments."

### An Unexpected Retort.

"Where," asked the female suffrage orator, "would man be today were it not for woman?"

She paused a moment and looked around the hall.

"I repeat," she said, "where would man be today were it not for woman?"

"He'd be in the garden of Eden eating strawberries," answered a voice from the gallery.—Ex.

A life spent with a purpose grand  
Has simply not been "spent";  
It's really an investment, and  
Will yield a large per cent.

Cadet (to Dr. Whitfield on the foot-ball field)—You came out to see the team play this evening, didn't you, Doctor? You knew the men didn't line up yesterday evening.

Dr. Whitfield—I didn't know whether they lined up or not, but I saw several lyin' down.

Professor Dunstan—There is a little fellow down the country who has a new method of fixing boilers. He patches the bottoms with very thin plates.

Prof. Smith—Why such thin plates? Prof. Dunstan—He claims there is no pressure on the bottom. You never hear of a boiler blowing down, hey always blow up.

Prof. Smith—W-a-a-l, he might just turn it up side down, and avoid the fixing, when there is a hole in the top.

Senior—Can you tell me why our college is such a learned place?

Freshmen—Certainly; the Freshmen always bring a little learning, and the Seniors never take any away, hence it accumulates.

Jackson—How many locals do you suppose you will have this week, Bragg?

Bragg—They'll fill about two columns, I suppose. Do you know of any visitors having been here. I have them all down.

Jackson—No, I don't know of any more, then.

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## BRIEF LOCALS.

Mr. E. B. Joseph, of Montgomery, was here last week.

Dr. Frank Lupton spent Christmas holidays here with his mother.

Mr. Francis W. Hare, who is now studying law at the University, was here during the holidays.

Mr. R. S. Finch, of Montgomery, visited friends in Auburn last Sunday.

George B. Kelly, of Birmingham, is visiting friends here.

The municipal election on the 5th resulted as follows: For mayor, J. W. Harris; for Councilmen, T. A. Flanagan, R. W. Burton, S. L. Toomer and C. E. Little.

Prof. L. F. Whittaker visited his family here last week.

Mr. Crossland Hare was in Auburn last week.

Capt. C. E. Little spent last Tuesday in Opelika.

Miss Steadham, of Russellville, Ala., is visiting relatives in this city.

Quite a large number of Sub-Freshmen have applied for admission to the Freshman class.

404 students have matriculated at the A. P. I. this season. The enrollment is increasing from year to year. May it ever do so.

Baseball for the season will soon begin. Mr. C. L. Harold has been appointed manager, and Mr. M. S. Sloan captain. It is understood that we have lots of good material in college, and it is to be hoped that Auburn will put out a winning team this year.

Misses Bessie Smith and Edna Joseph, of Montgomery, visited here during the holidays.

Miss Mamie Mason, who is attending college at Tuskegee, spent several days in Auburn last week, much to the delight of her many friends.

Mr. A. N. Culver, class of '00," who is now working at Jackson, Ala., was here during the holidays.

Miss Louise Knox, who has been spending the holidays with her parents, returned to Shorter College last week to resume her studies.

I. T. McDonnell, class of '99," was here last week.

Prof. Jas. W. Culver, of Jackson, Ala., was visiting his parents here during the holidays.

Misses Jonnie May and Emma Lou Culver have returned to Montevallo, after spending sometime with their parents.

Miss Marion Anderson left last week for Livingston, Ala., where she will attend college.

Miss Annie Lizzie Wright visited friends in Columbus, Ga., during the holidays.

Mr. Ordway, of Mufreesboro, Tenn., visited his daughter here during the holidays.

## ATHLETIC ADVISORY BOARD.

**President Bivings Resigns—C. L. Harold Elected Baseball Manager.**

As Mr. F. C. Bivings failed to return to College after Christmas, he sent his resignation as President of the Board. The Vice-president, Mr. M. S. Harvey, then came to the presidency, and Mr. M. S. Sloane was elected Vice-president. Mr. E. H. Wills, who had been elected at a previous meeting of the Board as manager of the baseball team, resigned the position, and Mr. C. L. Harold was elected to manage that department of athletics for the coming season.

The schedule for the class games was made as follows:

Seniors versus Sophs, on February 2nd.

The Juniors versus Freshmen, February 9th, and the two winning teams play for the championship on February 22nd.

### Senior German Club.

The Senior German Club held a meeting a few days ago in the A. T. O. Hall, and elected the following officers:

President, E. H. Wills.  
Vice-president, S. H. Roberts.  
Secretary, W. L. Greene.  
Treasurer, D. H. Haynes.  
Leader, M. H. Moore.  
Floor Manager, C. Nisbet.

Mr. Jean Llarca-Mardis may consider organizing a French Club if the German Clubs get too prosperous.

### Praise Service in the Chapel.

Last Sunday, the 13th, the Ladies' Auxiliary conducted a very profitable and enjoyable praise service in the college chapel.

Dr. Davis delivered a most entertaining, instructing and spiritual address. He chose for his subject the Christian's code of ethics, which is so clearly expressed by Paul in the eighth verse of the fourth chapter of his letter to the Philippians:—"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." The psychological as well as the spiritual effects of such a system of THINKING were clearly brought out.

### Antiquities of Baseball.

A North Missouri editor, who first studied base-ball rules while a Sunday-school boy, entered into the following antiquities of the national game: "The devil was the first coacher. Eve stole first. Adam stole second. When Isaac met Rebecca at the well she was walking with a pitcher. Samson struck out a good many when he beat the Philistines. Moses made his first run when he slew the Egyptians. Cain made a base hit when he killed Abel. Abraham made a sacrifice. The prodigal son made a home run. David was a long distance thrower, and Moses shut out the Egyptians at the Red Sea."—Ex.

## The Ladies' Auxiliary Entertains.

On account of the wind and rain last Friday night, the crowd at the Y. M. C. A. social was necessarily small. But all who were so fortunate as to be able to face the rain and come to Mrs. Cary's were handsomely rewarded for coming.

Preparations had been made for about a hundred and twenty-five, but on account of the weather the hundred was lacking.

After all present had been served with delicious salads and ambrosia, the ladies announced that only a sample had been taken, and what we had eaten could hardly be missed. The boys were somewhat surprised at this statement, for they thought that they had done even more than their part in storing the eatables. They anxiously agreed, however, to come back Saturday at noon and take luncheon and thereby relieve the hostess of the quantity of good things which had been prepared and which would not wait very long to be advantageously disposed of.

According to The Bookman, the six best selling books for each of the twelve months of the year 1900 have included: To Have and to Hold (8 months); Janice Meridith (6 months); Richard Carmel (6 months); When Knighthood Was in Flower (6 months); Red Potage (6 months); Unleavened Bread and the Redemption of David Carson (5 months); The Reign of Law (4 months); David Harum and Via Concis (3 months); Gentleman from Indiana, Voice of the People, Eben Holden (2 months); Tommy and Grizel, Alice of Old Vincennes and others (1 month.)

It is a matter of congratulation that the most popular book in America for the last year of the 19th century was written by a Southern woman—Miss Mary Johnston, of Birmingham, Ala. James Lane Allen's Reign of Law, and Miss Ella Glasgow's The Voice of the People, also take high rank in the favor of the reading public. Mr. Allen is originally from Kentucky, and Miss Glasgow from Williamsburg, Virginia.

Hon. James E. Watson, of Georgia, who achieved a brilliant success and a national reputation for his vivid and very scholarly "History of the French Revolution" has just issued a life of Thomas Jefferson in the attractive series of "Beacon Biographies."

The Outlook has had an expression of opinion from eminent authors and educators as to the leading, or most influential books of the century just closed. On the jury of award we find such men as Rt. Hon. James Bryce, M. P., Thos. Higginson, President Hadley, of Yale, etc. Of ten votes cast the following books took the lead: Darwin's Origin of Species, ten votes.

Hegel's Works, eight votes.  
Carlyle's Works, five votes.  
Scott's Waverly, four votes.

Hugo, Ruskin, Tennyson, Browning, Hawthorne, two each.

The theory of evolution as advanced by Charles Darwin seems to be regarded as the idea of the greatest influence that was exploited in the nineteenth century.

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## CLASS FOOT-BALL GAMES.

### Schedule of Games Arranged by the Athletic Advisory Board.

It is with much gratification that the lovers of foot-ball note the great interest that is being manifested in the coming class contests. The captains and managers of the four teams are wide-awake and working hard getting their men together, and the general opinion seems to be, that the coming series of games will be more fiercely contested than any previous ones.

Those interested in next season's 'Varsity are particularly glad to notice so much class spirit being shown, because it brings out so many men, who by the two months training at this time, will be well educated in the art of playing foot-ball, and will, if not make the team next season, lend much aid toward forming an impregnable eleven. All members of the various classes are especially urged to come out and learn the game; and thus start the foundation of an excellent 'Varsity for next season.

During the past two years the present Senior class have been the possessors of the class championship, but this year it is generally ceded by all that they will have to "git up and git" unless they want their splendid record marred. The Juniors have splendid material and they expect to do great things.

The Sophomores and Freshmen are also in the game, heart and soul, and have some very good material, but mostly in the raw state, so it is not generally expected that they will win over the seasoned veterans of the Junior and Senior teams, but nevertheless we may be surprised yet.

The schedule was arranged so that the two strongest teams would come together on the 22nd of February, and then fight the battle royal for the class championship.

The first game will occur on the 2nd of February, when the Seniors and Sophomores will meet; next the Juniors will line-up against the Freshmen on the 9th; the last, but greatest battle of all will be fought on the 22nd, between the winning teams of the two previous games.

### Track Team.

The track material for this year is plentiful, but it is mostly new. One of the most promising of the new men is (the new) Moon, who gives promise of eclipsing all previous records on the five mile run. Some other promising new men are Noll, L. M., McConnell, Sawyer, Hawkins, G. D., and Chandler. The old members of the track team who are back this year are Harvey, Pelham, Jackson, Phelps, Haigler, Noll, W. L., Shaw, Martin, D. S., Chipley, Knight, and Gwinn, J. W. These men should get together at once and elect a captain for the coming season. The Advisory Board intends electing a manager at its next meeting.

New vaulting poles, hammers and hurdles will be ready for the men to go to work in a little while, but in the meantime, the new material should be getting in shape on the ground and in the gymnasium.

## A Sermon Apropos.

A Baptist minister once announced that the following Sunday he would preach a sermon especially to the children, accommodating his language and subject matter to the presupposed intelligence of such a congregation. Accordingly the ensuing Sunday in order that his "prophecy might be fulfilled," he appeared in the pulpit facing a congregation whose most constituents were his looked-for children. After songs and further announcements he began his simple sermon, which was as follows:

"Children, and others whose interest my sermon may involve, I want today to preach you a sermon, which I assure you will be understood by all, and which I trust will not partake of such ungodly simplicity as will incur the contempt, even the displeasure of the learned element of my auditors. Your attention is invited to the 1st verse of the 14th Psalm as a text, or in case of an accidental unpardonable digression of mine from the text proper in ipso, at least permit it to bear the appellation of a nucleus of discourse: 'The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.' Of course, as you readily perceive, this positive dictum, 'There is no God,' is represented by the glorifying David as proceeding from the vicious mouths of fools and fools only. We must all recognize it as a simple, and characteristic atheistic sally of the most corrupt souls contaminated with the worst prejudicial and premeditated falsity. It must be truly regarded as a direct denial of the existence of a Supreme Deity invested with omnipotence, ubiquity, muniscience and other attributes inconceivable by humanity. Now, previous to the primary inception of my dilution upon this subject, it behooves me to request of you a connivance at some few a priori assumptions on my part which merge together for the final establishment of definite premises to underlie a process of deductive analogical reasoning with a view—"

Here the inevitably pedantic preacher was interrupted by his being surreptitiously arrested upon the charge of sacrilegious utterances from the pulpit, besides the temporal and less serious charge of use of "unseen" language in the presence of women.

Her lips were like the leaves, he said.

By autumn crimson tinted;  
So people autumn leaves preserve,  
By pressing them, she hinted.

The meaning of the gentle hint,  
The lover did discern,  
And so he clasped her round the neck  
And glued his lips to her'n. —Ex.

He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not, he is a freshman; shun him.

He who knows not, and knows he knows not, he's a sophomore; honor him.

He who knows and knows not he knows, he's a junior; pity him.

He who knows, and knows he knows, he is a senior; reverence him. —Ex.

## The Back Numbers.

The bald-headed man in his family pew  
Leaned back on his cushion and slumbered;  
And he dreamed that the preacher these words had proclaimed:  
"The hairs of your head are all numbered."  
The bald-headed man awoke with a start  
From his weekly devotional slumbers;  
Then he sank on his knees and fervently prayed,  
"O, Lord, send me down the back numbers."  
—Exchange.

### Curious Names.

"Ballam's Ass Johnson," "Sukey Mary Magdalene Juggins," and "Lucifer Jeremiah St. Mark Jones," are, according to a professor in the University of North Carolina, the real names of negroes whom he has met.

Theaforesaid Jones married a dusky damsel with this melodious appellation: "Russia Mathilda Love Divine Seymour Catherine Belle Caroline."

After these, such names as "Napoleon Bonaparte George Washington Neal," and "Arkansas New York Solomon King," are comparatively commonplace.

### Paid As He Went.

Patient—Then you think it's all up with me, doctor?

Doctor—I'm afraid so.

P.—Well, we must all die once, and I may as well go now as afterward. You're sure I'm going?

D.—Yes.

P.—Then let me have your bill.

D.—My bill! My dear sir, this is very unusual. You should give your thoughts to more serious matters.

P.—My motto has always been "pay as you go," and now that I am going, I want to pay. So he paid and went.—Ex.

It would be a good thing if some of our subscribers would be more like this poor fellow, not physically, but in a financial way. The Business Manager would like to see you while you are "flush," fresh from the holidays.

### Some Authors.

The most cheertul author—Samuel Smiles.

The noisiest author—Howells

The tallest author—Longfellow.

The most flowery author—Hawthorne.

The holiest author—Pope.

The happiest man—Gay

The most amusing author—Thomas Tickell.

The most fiery author—Burns.

The most talkative author—Chatterton.

The most distressed author—Aken-side.—Chicago Times-Herald.

A gentleman had five daughters, the first of whom married Mr. Poor, the second Mr. Little, the third Mr. Short, the fourth Mr. Brown, the fifth Mr. Hogg. At the wedding of the latter her sisters, with their husbands, were there, and the old gentleman said to the guests: "I have taken pains to educate my daughters, that they might act well their part in life and do honor to my family. I find that all my pains, cares and expectations have come at last to nothing but a Poor, Little, Short, Brown, Hogg."

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